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SUMMARY: SC RES 379 ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, NOVEMBER 2, IN STRONG
TERMS, ALGERIANS AND SPANISH WARNED MOROCCANS AGAINST MARCH, END
SUMMARY.

1. PRIOR TO SC MEETING NOVEMBER 2, WE LEARNED THAT SYG
WALDHEIM HAS POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 3 HIS TRAVEL TO
HAVANA.

2. DRAFT RES ON SAHARA, TEXT OF WHICH TRANSMITTED USUN 5563,
WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, AS SC RES 379.

3. SC MEMBERS, WITH EXCEPTION OF IRAQ, PLUS REPRESENTATIVES
OF SPAIN, MOROCCO, AND ALGERIA, THEN SPOKE.

4. SPAIN (ARIAS--SALGADO, OF MFA MADRID), underscored
GRAVITY OF SITUATION WHICH HAD LED SPAIN TO REQUEST THE
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MEETING (TEXT OF REQUEST BY SEPTEL). HALTLING OF MOROCCAN

PLANS FOR NOVEMBER 4 MARCH IS SINE QUA NON. NO SOLUTION POSSIBLE WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF UN AND APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE UNGA RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING SELF-DETERMINATION. SPAIN'S CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES HAD NOT ACHIEVED GOAL. SYG'S CONSULTATIONS AND UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF SAHARA SHOULD BE ACCELERATED. IF MARCH IS HELD DESPITE LATEST SC RES, SPAIN, ENTRUSTED WITH AUTHORITY OVER THE TERRITORY, WILL REPEL IT, BY ALL FORCE, INCLUDING USE OF ARMED FORCES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE COULD BE CREATED BY SUSPENSION OF MARCH. FYI: SPANISH PERMREP DE PINIES IS IN MADRID. END FYI.

5. CHINA INDICATED SUPPORT FOR END TO COLONIALISM AND OPPOSED MEDDLING OF SUPERPOWERS IN SAHARA QUESTION. COSTA RICA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE DIRECT LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION, SPELLING OUT WHO WAS SOURCE OF PROBLEM. US STATEMENT SENT USUN 5565. FRANCE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT NONE OF PARTIES HAD REJECTED A UN ROLE. TANZANIA URGED GA CONSIDERATION; SC SHOULD NOT CONDONE A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

6. MAURITANIA (PERMREP EL HASSEN) SAID SC MUST CONSIDER SUBSTANCE OF PROBLEM--TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY--ALONG WITH QUESTION OF MARCH. WITH MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED, MAURITANIA WOULD OPT TO SUPPORT HER OWN.

7. MOROCCO (PERMREP SALOUI) STATED THAT RABAT'S POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED. MOROCCO IS USING ALL PEACEFUL MEANS TO EXERT RIGHTS TO EXISTENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. KING HASSAN HAD MADE NO THREATS. HE HAD RECEIVED SOLIS. RABAT HAS NEVER MOVED FROM POSITION OF MODERATION, BUT IS UPSET BY LATEST SPANISH ATTITUDE, WHICH SHOULD PROMPT SC ACTION. HOW CAN ANYONE SAY THERE IS A CAUS BELL? MOROCCO REJECTS ALL THREATS, BUT IS OPEN TO ANY INITIATIVE, INCLUDING NEGOTIATION.

8. ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL HELD ATTENTIVE INTEREST OF SC MEMBERS FOR FIRST FORTY MINUTES, OF HIS HOUR-LONG STATEMENT. SAHARAN SOVEREIGNTY DOES NOT BELONG TO SPANISH OR TO SAHARAN'S NEIGHBORS--IT BELONGS TO SAHARAN PEOPLE, AND CANNOT BE DISPOSED OF BY ANYONE ELSE. NOR CAN NEGOTIATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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DISPOSE OF SAHARAN SOVEREIGNTY. BY CROSSING BORDER, MOROCCO WOULD VIOLATE THAT SOVEREIGNTY, WOULD THEREBY MODIFY THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE REGION, AND WOULD CAUSE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD AFFECT PEACE OF REGION AND RELATIONS AMONG ALL COUNTRIES BORDERING SAHARA. RAHAL ADDED THAT, UNDER INSTRUCTION, HE WAS INFORMING COUNCIL THAT, IF SC AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO EXERCISE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, ALGERIA WOULD EXERCISE HER OWN. ALGERIA WILL

NOT ACCEPT A FAIT ACCOMPLI AS A RESULT OF ANY UNILATERAL
ACT. FYI: FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA SAT WITH ALGERIAN DELEGATION. END FYI.

9. REPS OF SPAIN, MOROCCO, AND ALGERIA THEN SPOKE IN
EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY. SPAIN AGAIN DESCRIBED MARCH AS
BASIS OF PROBLEM; MOROCCO PROTESTED ALGERIAN PERMREP'S
"INSINUATIONS"--ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF TRADITIONAL TIES
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. RAHAL (ALGERIA) COUNTERED,
ADMITTING TIES, BUT OBSERVING THAT WHAT HE HAD SAID DID NOT
CONSTITUTE MERE INSINUATIONS.

10. SC PRESIDENT MALIK (USSR), IN ADJOURNING, NOTED THAT
SC WOULD MEET AGAIN, IMMEDIATELY, IF NECESSARY, TO
DISCUSS SAHARAN DEVELOPMENTS.

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